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THE SHACKELFORD BILL UN-CONSTITUTIONAL.

We have received the following com-We have received the following communication:

Editor of The Times-Dispatch:

Sir.—From an article in your paper, it seems the General Assembly has passed an act prohibiting the State Board of Education from electing, under section 120 of the Constitution, any division superintendent of schools who may have written and published a book or invented any appliance that might be used in the public schools.

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ten and published a book or invented any appliance that might be used in the public schools.

A very brief consideration will develop the unconstitutionality, as well as the absurdity, of that piece of legislation. The State Board of Education is as much a constitutional body as the General Assembly itself. That is, it is created by and hence derives its powers from the Constitution, and its duties and its powers are specifically defined by that instrument. (See section 132.) Therefore, it is beyond the power of the legislative department to directmeeribe its duties and attach conditions to the free exercise of its constitutional powers.

The Constitution provides that the board "shall select and associate with itself two division superintendents of schools." It is, therefore, not only a constitutional right and duty of the board to select two division superintendents of schools, but they may select any two men who meet the constitutional requirements. The attempt of the act in question to confine the board to the selection of such superintendents as have not written a book, &c., is an unauthorized interference with the powers and duties of the board. As Judge Lewis well said in Black vs. Trow. r. 7 vs. Reports, p. 125: "For if a right conferred by the Constitution, and unreference, the constitutional guarantees would be a dead letter, and the Legislature, instead of being controlled by, would be superior to the Constitution, and unreference in the constitution and unreference of its power."

Besides, each division superintendent in the State is by the Constitution, and unrestrained in the exercise of its power."

Besides, each division superintendent in the State is by the Constitution and unreference with one or a hundred. The statute law attempting to render him ineligible is invalid, for as the same court said in the case above cled: "It is a woll in the case above cled: "It is a woll in the same above cled: "It is a woll in the case above cled: "It is a large the legislature in the constitution and light t

is invalid, for as the same court said in the case above cited: "It is a well established rule of construction, as laid down by an eminent writer, that when the Constitution defines the qualifica-tions for office the specification is an implied prohibition against legislative interference to change or add to the quali-fications thus defined." Furthermore, the act is absurd in this:

Furthermore, the act is absurd in this:
If it were otherwise valid, the Governor,
the Superintendent of Public Instruction
and the Attorney-General might each be
the eminent author of sundry books, and
the owner of divers appliances used in the schools, and as they cannot be excluded from service on the board, they would be allowed, may compelled, to keep out their rival brethien of the quill. If our esteemed Governor should happen to have written as many good books as he has made good speeches, with what grace and good conscience could be afford to approve such a piece of legislation?

approve such a piece of legislation?
Another pertinent inquiry is: Does this bill attempt to prohibit the Boards of Visitors from nominating to the Senate, and the Senate from electing, any "experienced educator" who may have written and published a book, or be the fortunate owner of a patent blotter, or ink eraser? And if not, why not?

CUI BONO. Lynchburg, Va., March 28, 1903.

This letter comes from a distinguished clear and convincing that it cannot be returns large. ignored by the General Assembly. If that body may go outside the Constitution and put one restriction upon these eligibles, why not another and a dozen? Why may it not make the restrictions a severe as to exclude all "division superintendent," and thus defeat the intent of the Constitution? Why may it not say that no "division superintendent" shall be eligible unless he has written a school

In conclusion our correspondent asks if this bill attempts to prohibit the Boards of Visitors of the several public institutions of learning from nominating to the Senate, and the Senate from electing, any "experienced educator" who may have written and published a book? So far from that, each one of the three "experienced educators" selected by the Senate to be members of the Board of Education is author or editor of a book and would have been excluded under the six "experienced educators" from whom these selections were made, three were authors or editors of books and three were not, and the Senate chose the for

At least we are reliably informed that

such is the case. Again, so far as we know there is no "division superintendent" in any of the counties who is author of a school book or interested in the publication of such a book, so that the Shackelford bill could only apply, if it should become a law, to one member of the Board of Education, and he is to be selected by the six honorable members of the board as now constituted. There is no ground for Senator Shackelford's fears. There can be no langer of a book scandal from our loveschool superintendent.

We have the keenest interest in popuar education and for that reason we do sincerely hope that this bill will not be passed over the Governor's yeto.

THE COUNTY JUDGE.

We observe that the prediction is made that the next Legislature will be com-

In November next a new Legislature will be elected to begin on the second Wednesday in January, 1904, and on December 81, 1803, the county courts cease to exist. So where it is desired by his constituents a county judge may glide from the bench into the Senate or House We dare say many a one will be a can-didate, and we may add that many of them possess great qualifications for the logislative office.

The conscientious and painstaking

county judge not only must be familiar with oriminal laws and the cost of executing them, but he must be conversant with county affairs generally. His daily duties bring him into relation with them and his mind becomes a storehouse of information concerning his county.

We do not hold out the hope that all the county judges can or should be con-soled with places in the Legislature there are others who have equally as claims upon the people-but we think it not amiss to refer to the fact that not a few of them are entitled to

be listed among the eligibles.

And in this connection it is proper to say that after 1907 "all" Benators will be elected for four years, will be no "hold over" Senators. Delegates, as formerly, will all be elected for two years, and beginning next year, he Legislature will not meet until after Christmas. The "Christmas recess" will oo unknown henceforth. Regular sessions of the Legislature will be limited. unless extended by a three-fifths vote, to sixty days, and extraordinary sessions

to thirty days.

Along with the county and district of icers to be elected in November will be the main body of the county and district

PLANT TREES.

The public authorities should take the lead in observing Arbor Day, Shade trees ought' to be planted around the Capitol Square wherever gape in the old rows appear and the city should replace on the streets those trees that were our pride and glory, but were torn up by the

"march of improvements."

Everywhere public and private enterprise ought to be combined to make April 2d memorable in the history of Virginia arborculture.

Let us have no more farm-yards naked of shade; no more country school houses without a leaf or shrub about them. Let us also give more attention to the young forest trees that spring up volunarily here and there, and spend more time and money upon orchards, assured that we could not possibly make any other investment that would pay better in the long run.

In all our cities, towns and villages, in our gardens and on our farms, space may be found for trees that will be either useful or ornamental, sometimes both.

Virginians have not heretofore shows the enterprise in this direction that has displayed by the people of some other States. And we not only have not done our duty in the matter of tree planting, but we have been wantonly de structive of young forest trees. Too many ignorant and shortsighted people have been allowed to wield axes in this State. Now, lot's mend all this, It is our duty to ourselves and to posterity not only to plant, but to preserve. Ou duty would not be half planted half a dozen young trees and let a dozen old ones be hewed down uselessly, or, at least, prematurely,

Of course, we recognize the fact that in many cases dire poverty has wrung from some land-owners consent for their standing timber to be cut down. That is to be lamented-those people couldn't be blamed-but it emphasizes the neces sity for keeping up, as far as possible our timbered acreage. Wood is going to be more and more valuable in this coun-

It is strange that our people should need any urging to induce them to plant fruit trees, but some of them do. Many farmers have few or no fruit troos upor their lands, and yet, by setting out tw or three trees each year, they would eventually have orchards of much value, The cost would be insignificant and the

eration, whether of public spirit or profit, or love of the beautiful, combines to urge the people to observe the next Arbon Day, April 2d, and every succeeding

A DARK TRANSACTION.

The negro agitators have now turned away from the whites of America and are appealing to Europe for relief for what they say is an unbearable situa tion. C. W. Hines, of Cleveland, Ohl chairman of the Executive Committee of the "Equal Rights Association," is author of the appeal which has been addressed to the old world from the headquarters of the Association in

headquarters of the Association in Cleveland.

"We, the Afro-Americans of the United States of America," says the appedi, "are brutally and barbarously maitreated and basely compelled, for no crime or misdemeanor, to suffer every indignity, cruelty, and murder that inhuman, flendish mature can invent, by some of those who once held the Afro-Americans in bondage and slavery or the descendants of those who once held the Afro-Americans in slavery and bondage and the United States, and who still, without cause, harbor in their hearts a deadly hatred against the Afro-American race, "From one to five or more are either tortured, hung, shot, or butchered and driven from their homes daily, while others are burnt to death at the stake. If has come to be such a common occurrence that the press and pulpit say but little about it. They pay more attention to the barbarities of the foreign countries than they do to their own America; to slake the deadly hate and fout thirst for murder and to wallow their hands in the warm blood of their and while the victims are writhing "And while the victims are writhing

their hands in the warm blood of their ing victims.

"And while the victims are writhing in pain in the fire, their ears, eyes and ingers are cut out and off for souvenirs, and pieces of the eizzling, frying and burning flesh are skashed from their burning bodies and are auctioned off to the highest bidder after this fashion holding it up: "Who wants a piece of nigger meat? Who wants a piece of nigger meat? Who wants a piece of nigger meat? It is sold at 10 cents." The heart is divided into quarters and is sold at 25 cents each."

There is more of the same kind, and

God Almighty, do hereby appeal for the powers of Europe and to every divilized nation of the old world, through their representatives at Washington, D. G., to interfere in some way in behalf of the poor, downtroden, outraged Afro-Americans of the United States.

"The Americans intervened, so they claimed, for humanity, because of Spain's barbarous treatment to the Cubans. They drove the Spainsh army from that island at the cost of many lives, censured the Spanish throne for wholesale murder, butchery and torture of innocent Gubans, forgatting the beam that was in their eye; of their unequal savagery; of burning men alive at the stake, which Spaniards would not tolerate to be done to their bitterest foe.

"The foreign powers have the same and a better right to interfere in defense of 19,000,000 people that are liable to be mpirdered at will by prejudiced classes who use that hick-name, the whites of America, for no cause whatever, only their skin is darker than those that call themselves white people.
"In God's name, will the King of Eng."

America, for no cause whatever, only their skin is darker than those that call themselves white people.

"In God's name, will the King of England, will the Emperor of Germany, will the Czar of Russia, will the Suitan of Turkey, will the Shah of Persia, will the Emperor of Austria, will the King of Italy, and will the King of Merce, will the President of Switzerland, will the King of Portugal, will the Emperor of China, will the King of Sweden, and will the King of Sweden, and will the King of Sam, will the Emperor of China, will the Emperor of the Mikado of Japan, will the rulers of Belglum, Roumania, Luzephurg, Montenegro, and all other foreign powers interfere in some way in behalf of the suffering, outraged and murdered Afro-American people of the United States and thus save the name of Christianity from reproach, mockery and deriston?" What do the Northern brethren think of that? They may be pleased at the reforences to the South, but what do they think of the appeal to foreign powers to interfere? The whole paper fairly roeks with treason, and if these agitators were to be taken seriously they might find themselves in difficulties with the Foderal government.

Complaint was recently made in the English House of Commons of the smallness of the amount allotted for the St. Louis Exposition. Great Britain has appropriated 70,000 pounds sterling, or about \$550,000, but Mr. Fisher, the Financial Secretary of the Treasury, intimates that there is more to come. In reply to the complaint, he said that this sum did not represent the government's final decision. He added that the government was convinced that it was essential to do every thing to maintain friendly relations with the United States above all other countries, and such occasions as the St exhibition were valuable means to this end He believed that the exhibition would be on a magnificent scale, and would have far-reaching results

It is good business for a manufactur ing and trading country like England to advertise at a great exposition like that to be held at St Louis, and it is good policy for England to keep on good terms with the United States

Baltimore will probably rescind the old rule, which has been in force for many years, forbidding members of the force mary elections.

It is claimed by those who are urging a rescinding of the rule that the new primary election law has placed the party primary upon the same legal plane penalties attached, and that it is not. Commissioners to disfranchise the members of the force, The old primaries were not legalized. They were purely party affairs; were not governed by law, and had no penalties attached."

Cuba, at her own expense, will cause the wreck of the United States warship Havana harbor, with the hope of finding out definitely and settling conclusively how and by what means that vessel came to her end. It may be doubted if the retive of any good. But as the work has been resolved upon by the Cuban Government, it may be presumed that Cuba and the United States, both, will wish to have experts present to watch it.

has raised a fine crop of suspicion, but no by an arrest. The Pennell double inquest will begin Monday, but it is now proposed to disinter the remains of the woman in order that medical men may ascertain whether it is true, as reported, that she was drugged. It is argued that it prove true that she was drugged it may be safely said her husband did it, intending to kill her that way, while he himself committed suicide.

And now they say Mr. Bryan wants to be chairman of the National Democratic party. He could do as much mischief in that position as he could as candidate for the Presidency.

All the papers agree that Mrs, Burdick is homely, and yet she made a lot of trouble that is usually chargeable only

Candidate Roosevelt some plainer talk than he would have offered to President Roosevelt. There is a suspicion only that Mr. Bur-

dick was murdered, so far as the coroner's jury has been able to ascertain. John Wise keeps a still tongue just now.

but he keeps the colored lawyer, Hayes, hustling all the time for the funds. If you have a weakness for grand opera just go out in the West End and listen

to the music of the frogs.

Wonder what Mrs. Dewey thinks of Mrs. Hetty Green for naming her new

Tammany is happy and will remain so as long as Low and Jerome stay at outs. The Virginia Congressmen are giving Richmond frequent calls nowadays,

Miss Alico Roosevelt has doubtless secured the Porto Rico vote for Pa.

Mississippi land development stock has been sufficiently watered.

Mr. Mulligan did not burn that Pennsylvania depot yesterday.

The Excuse of Brer Williams. "Brer' Williams, how kin you expect de gospill ter fly abroad, ef you don't put There is more of the same kind, and "Bless God, I don't want it ter fly! in conclusion the address says:

"We, therefore, now, in the name of jef me?"—Atlanta Constitution,

Trend of Thought In Dixie Land

Savannah Nows: It is regrettable that Mr. Bryan tilniks it necessary to put the stamp of his disapproval upon so many of the prominent men of the Demonstrate of the Demonstrate of the Prominent men of the Prominent me many of the prominent men of the Dem-ocratic party. If he has the following which he claims he has, and adheres to his present policy, there can be no har-mony in that party, and without har-mony it will have no chance for success in 1904.

Montgomery Advertiser: If Mr. Bryan and Colonel Watterson would hire a hall, with only themselves for an audience, and finish with their abuse of Mr. Cleveland, it would be a great relief to the country, and probably to themselves.

Memphis Commercial-Appeal: Gorman is Memphis Commercial-Appeal: Gorman is wise enough to put aside sentiment and individual desire in the management of a great party, and to take a firm hold of conditions and dexterously handle them. With such a general in command there will be a good chance of winning in the next campaign and of making atonement for the ingentarity and inspiritude in our for the incapacity and ineptitude in leadership during the past four years.

Dallas News: In North Carolina, where Dallas News: In North Carolini, where conviots have been worked on the roads, it has been conclusively shown that they can be worked with a profit to the people in this way, and that they are better treated and are in better physical health because of the employment.

Atlanta Constitution: If Senator Mor gan has any more remarks to make, he will find the canals on Mars still a fruit-

With a Comment or Two.

General Carr, in a signed statement in the Durham papers, declares he will not be a candidate for the gubernatorial nom-ination next year. This will be disap-pointing news to thousands of General Carr's friends throughout the State.—Ra-

And also to a hundred or two of the boys who had hoped to pull the Goneral's

Newport News has increased the price of its saloon licenses. Richmond will shortly do the same. Now is a good time for Berryville to add a little to the general result.—Clarke Courier.

The Mann bill has a monopoly of the increasing business.

Senate by the Populists of Kansas, is mentioned as a Democratic possibility for Vice-President, Mr. Harris is a son of W. A. Harris, the first clork of the courts of Page county, and was born, we believe, in Luray. He married a daughter of the late John Lionberger.—Page Courier,

A man who is the son of a Virginia court clerk and was born in such a good place as Luray ought to make a pretty good Vice-President.

When we see a man expectorate tobacce juice on the sidewalk we can't help won-dering if he spits on the carpet at home —Hartford Post.

If he is united in the holy bonds of wedlock to the right kind of a woman and continues in health, you may be sure he does not.

North Carolina Sentiment.

The Goldsboro' Argus says: Cotton is vanted both for export and for home wanted both for export and for home uigs. Ten cents is not, therefore, high for cotton under such circumstances, and no one need box for lower prices. The farmer is no longer, as a rule, interested in this question, but all should see that the world has reached a point where it needs an American crop of 11,000,000 hales, and as seasons go this is about all we can produce. A crop of below 11,000,000 bales means hereafter 10 cent cotton.

The Raleigh Post has this passing: Mr. Bryan very naturally serious objection to David Bennett ator Gorman as suitable names for the Democracy to conjure with. There are many people who do not really believe Mr. Bryan's judgment on a great many things will do to follow.

The Greenshoro Record, with an eye to the main chance, says: The American Tobacco Company is not such a bad thing to some of the many hundreds who are making \$6 ek making cigars in the factory at is place. One girl only fourteen, at ork only a short time, is making \$6.50. the highest figure yet reached being \$8 There is something good in almost every thing. The trouble is in extracting it,

The Raleigh News-Observer just flatfootedly says: However it may be in Northern States, which have received a large influx of immigrants from abroad, the increase in crime in North Carolina cannot be charged up to foreign immifolks who were born here and are the erations. It is a pity that we can saddle if off upon some other people

Half Hour With Virginia Editors.

The Danville Register has been learn ing and is almost persuaded. It says: We have almost reached the conclu sion that the bygones in visible form sion that the Democratic party most needs to let be bygones, are Mr. Grover Cleveland and Mr. William J. Bryan. If the party cannot make its way without their guidance, it is very evident that it can never reach any very worthy destiny with it."

Disgusted at the failure of a proposed meeting in the interest of good rouds, the Warrenton Virginian says:

"If a public meeting was called in War-renton to hear a battle of words between opposing candidates half the county would turn out, but they would not hear a subject discussed so important to them

as the roads.
"We would be glad for suggestions as to the lime for holding another meeting." With the coming of the glad spring

"The roads are getting in better condi-tion. This is a matter of considerable im-portance to farmers and the traveling public. No community can have a bet-ter recommendation than that its citizens are law-abiding and the roads good. We have the former, let us have the latter, also." time, the West Point News cries out:

Referring to propositions to amend the Constitution, the Old Deminion Sun

says:

"It is strange, after a year's deliberation and discussion, the Constitution should be found to be so defective, and the Legislature assume to alter it before it has been tried. It is a pretty hard slap at the convention, to say the least. It is but the beginning of tampering with the organic law. What it will lead to cannot now be forefold."



of Fernandos loomed up through the DATLY CALIENDAR-MARCH 28.
1903-Herd of Elks broke losse in Manchester.
1905-No more grass in the streets. haze before them.

We certainly are glad we met Mr. Har-

ry Fielschmann and Mr. T. A. Stouten-burgh, of that fine old town of Alexan-dria, where George Washington used to play ball, and where Mr. Theodore Fick-len used to wallop the boys if they didn't

In used to waited the know their algebra.

They came here to help Mr. Phil. C. Relly to institute the Manchester Lodge of Elks, and they are going to Baltimore in July to vote for Archie Burke for Grand Secretary.

In the drst place, Mister Fielschmann has something to do with a hotel, and,

In the first place, Mister Fleischmann has something to do with a hotel, and, as a consequence, he can eat all he wants to and it don't cost him something.

Therefore, he is fut, and, being fat, he is jolly, and, being jolly, he is a good fellow and makes friends, and now everybody in Manchester and at Murphy's Hotel is fond of him and Mister Stoutenburgh.

north took a special car to take Fleischmann over to Manchester, and everybody started in on the jump to call him

That fine old comedian, Charlle Haw-kins, of the Fawcett Company, who used to be with Giffen, and who was the end man in a ministrel show in the good old palmy days, had a series of incidents happen to him the other day. He stays at Campbell's and has a room adjoining a friend. The two went up together on the day in question, and Charlle left his key down at the clerk's desk.

connecting door let Charlie into his apartment, where he sat down to study a part that he is to take in the next Fawcett production.
After awhile the friend went out and After awhile the friend went out and tooked his door, and when Charlie got hungry and began to think about dinner, he got up and tried to go out, too. But his door was locked and the key was down stairs, and his friend had gone out and his door was locked.

So Charlie found himself locked up. "Suppose a fire should break out." he

"Suppose a fire should break out," he sollioquized, "I'd be roasted to pieces.'
Then terror seized him and he paced

Then terror seized him and as paced the room, wringing his hands.
Suddenly the thought come to him that it would be a good thing to open the window and jump out.
He opened it.
As the cool air rushed in, his hot brow was soothed, and he hesitated about turning out.

Jumping out. .
Looking down, he saw Mr. Campbell

standing out in front, "Hello!" he shouted.

"Hello, yourself!"

"Come up and let ma out."

In a few minutes George Bargamin had opened his door, but Mr. Hawkins' appetite had forsaken him, and he went down and stood in front of the City Hall and contemplated the possible n escape he had from imaginary fire.

Personal and General.

Rev. Hugh B. Chapman, rector of St. Luke's Church, London, and a noted High Church English divine, has come to New York to conduct the mission ser vices at Trinity during Holy Week

Clarence Slocum, the new consul Warsaw, who was appointed by President Roosevelt last week, is a son of the late Major-General Slocum.

Miss Marshall Kiser, a Kentucky wo-nan, is sugar inspector for the Spreckles man, is sugar inspector for t Sugar Company, of Hawall,

Mrs. Charlotte B. Wilbur, the new dent of Scrosis, called at her home thir-ty-five years ago the first meeting to consider the formation of that club, Irane Townsend Smith, of New York

Irane Townsend Smith, of New York, has the distinction of being the oldest consul in the world. For fifty years he has been in friendly and official touch with Siam as financial agent and Consul General to the United States. Governor Balley, the bachelor Execu

Governor Balloy, the bachelor Execu-tive of Kansas, has decided to grant the wishes of the Womon's Christian Tem-perance Union and use witer instead of whee in christening the battleship named after his State. Two sons of Eugene Field have rived in New York with a comin opera-ficm the pen of their father. It will be produced in the fall under the fills of "The Buccancers." The music is poing

"The Buccaneers." The music is soing written by a well-known compayer of light operas.

Short Talks to Legisature Marion Democrati It seems that a big fight is to be made in the Legislature

over the report in the Judge Campbell case. As the committee was unanimous in favor of removal, and the finding seems to be generally approved, we fall to see the necessity for all the talk and delay that has and will probably characterize the consideration of this matter by the Legislature.

Winchester News-Item: But out Winchester News-tremt But out on abundant caution we warn the General Assembly, and we repeat the warning and we shall keep on repeating it as long as we feel that it is needed, not to commit the State to large and extraordinary appropriations until the money to meet them is fairly in sight.

Blackstone Courier: The present Legis-lature may doubtless go down in his-tory as the Legislature of investigations, but not of activity.

Fredericksburg Star: We congratulate the Legislature and the State as well upon the passage of the Barksdale bill by the House.

Double Trouble,

"Porhaps," said the womanhater who
was visiting the prison, "a woman is responsible for your present condition."

"Oh, twice as bad as that," replied the
convict.

"Indeed?"

"Yes; two women. I'm up for bigamy,"—Philadelphia Press.

BRENT, BADGER

Romance of the Kidnapping of a Governor-General.

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Southward the Badger swept on, south to the equator, under sail and steam, and two days afterward the mountains

haze before them.

"Look!" exclaimed Madeleine, as she stood with Fitamorris, gazing out over the summer soa. "See how the mountains riso tier upon ther from the coast."

"It is an enchanted sen," he replied.

"At one moment there is nothing within sight but a blue outline, and then suddenly out of a clear sky, almost, you see the hills covered with paims and all kinds of rich vegetation before you. I shall never forget my first view of Montenegro."

"Do you wish you were back, governor?" she asked, with a coquettish glance that made the Englishman's blood tingle.

"Ah, you would betray me into an im-

"Ah, you would betray me into an impolite speech, Miss Brent. And yet, truthfully, I do not. The love of adventure, the desire to try the untried, the thirst for lost treasure is strong in the hearts of all men, and especially in that of a poor man like myself."
"And you think that gold is the best thing in life?" She looked at him with a quiet, searching glance, but his gaze was far nwely.

CHAPTER XY.

It took a special car to take Fleischmann over to Manchester, and everybody started in on the jump to call him "Fleish."

He looked it.

Mister Stoutenburgh was not so stout, but they called him "Stout." so he would compare well with "Flesh" in name, at least.

He didn't seem to be connected with a hotel, or he might have been like his friend "Flesh."

But, at any rate, when these two jolly Eliks come this way again, there will be something doing.

That fine old comedian, Charlie Hawthis of the Fawcett Company, who used the Fawcett Company, who used the fine of the Fawcett Company, who used the fine old comedian the facility of the fawcett Company, who used the family and tempted to cut it took a special sample, but his gazz was far away, "no," he answered slowly, "no, not gold itself, but what it brings. Without it, the hand of a man of ambitton is tied, With it he can do great things, make something of himself."

"True: but they were great men. I am not!" He laughed a bitter little laugh and turned toward her. "You cannot understand the feelings of a man in my position. Miss Brent, I am expected to keep up a certain position, to live in a certain way, because the people of my class, my equals, have done so do so now. It cannot be done on my income, and sometimes I am tempted to cut it

and sometimes I am tempted to cut it all and start afresh—but then—""Why do you not try?"
"What are you two mooning about?" said the voice of Brent, as he joined them. "There is 'the island, Fitzmorris, and soon we shall make the point where the fort stands, and the entrance to the harbor. There is the mountain back of it right ahead."
"Are you sure?' exclaimed the Eng-

harbor. There is the mountain back of it right ahead."

"Are you sure? exclaimed the Englishman, at once all excitement, and forgetting his good resolutions and plans for a fresh start in life.

"As sure as a man can be that knows the points of the compass and who has eyes. That chart, thanks to our respected great-grandfathers, is apparently correct, for we have followed its bearings, and hore we are coming into the land just as it states that we should."

"But that was a map of this island alone."

You did not look at the back, my you did not look at the back, my man! It gives the sailing directions from your island of Montego, and also from Panama. Your part filled in what was wanted, and I have followed it to the

"I am afraid that I must be very stu-

pid."
"Not at all. You are a landsman, I am a sallor, that is the difference. I have to know how to read a chart, while you have only to follow a road; there you have it."
"Ah, well, we all have our sins, Now, I have had that old lunatio on my hands."

"And you have done it well. If it had "And you have done it well. It is must not been for you and your knowledge of Hindoostanes we should have had a warm time with her. Between your and the Hindu you have managed her finely."
"I little thought when I studied that language at Aldershot, and later spoke it in India, that I should have to put it to such a receiling her."

to such a peculiar use." CHAPTER XXI.

As they neared the shore there was no sign of a harbor visible. The thick vegetation ran down to the water's edge for miles, except where now and then a bit of voicanic rock thrust its head out as though to get air.

"I see no place where we can run the ship in," said Fitzmorr's, gazing up and down the coast.

down the coast.

"Walt a bit, and you may have a surprise party," replied Brent. "This spot is not unifie another one of the islands, I fancy. You know St. Thomas, of

"Yes; we stopped there on our way out

on the Pallas.
"Do you not recall the fact that you saw no harbor till you were almost in To be sure I do, now that you speak

of it."
"Well, I imagine that this is quite the same." He took out the old chart from his pocket, and turned to the back of it. "Steer SAE on approaching the island from the north. When the two peaks on the highest mountains come in range steer SB by S 1-2 S stright for the shore. When within about 100 yards you will see the harbor. Hug the eastern shore, as thore is plenty of deep water, no current. The fort is on the starboard hand 200 yards inside the passage. If you

rent. The fort is on the starboard hand, 200 yards inside the passage. If you have to attack it, a pathway will be found 160 yards to the northward in a small bay, which will lead easily to they top of the low cliffs in the rear of it. The ground is coft and can easily be dug into if it is desired to mine the wais."

"The old gentlemen seem to have thought out the programme in all its possibilities," said Flizmorris. The content of the force in the content of the force in the content of the fine in the rear of it. The father laughed, heartily as he extended: "I think you can remain your own sweet self. Links up idea of preventions, it is manned, I think that we shall make it very for to tops fellows if it is necessary to do so."

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had no explosive shells nor magazine had no explosive shells nor magazine rides. If that fort is manned, I think rides, If that fort is manned, I think that we shall make it very flot for those that we shall make it very flot for those that we shall make it very flot for those fellows if it is necessary to do so."

"Does it say anything about the shape or size of the fort?" asked the Englishman.

"Yes, here it is. The fort is built upon "Yes, here it is. The fort is built upon three hundred feet across the reat and three hundred feet across the front. There are two hundred lacross the front. There are two hundred lacross the front. There are three embrasures on the front face and one on each side. The walls are eight one on such side. The walls are eight one of that chap. He is completely taken aback."

This was a fact, for the colored man, lacrowed out by his sable crew, and Brent stepped to the gangway to meet the officer as he came over the sold. His face was set and haughty, as the gold-hedizened official appeared on the deck.

"May I ask, sir?" he said coldly, "If the tousion in your country to well and the custom in your country to well and the gold-hedizened official appeared on the deck.

"By Jove, Miss Birent," whispered the such and mighty with great ease, does not any the captular of the custom in your country to well and the

almost imposses. That seems plain and place was descrited. That seems plain and clear, does it not?"
"Yery much so. We shall soon know if the fort is manned or not."
"Yes, in a few minutes. There are the two peaks in range new. Southeast by south, one-half south," he called to Marchamp, who stood next the man at the wheel.
"Keep your eyes open, Fitzmorrisi" cried Brent, "and we will see who can see the harbor first," "Ah, you will easily beat me there," was the reply, "I have not the knowledge or experience to aid me that you have."

have."
"There it is!" exclaimen the captain, and then suddenly he yelled, "Stop her! Reverse your engines, Marchamp! For

God's sake man! look at the shallow water right at the mouth of it!"
He dashed his hat to the deck in vex-

"How do you know!" asked Filamorris.
"See the water, man! Unless it is very clear that water means shallow and sand by its turquolee coloring. Send a man out to the end of the bowsprit with a lead line, Marchamp, and let her go ahead very slowly so that we can sound." In another minute the line was whistling through the air and the cry came att:

"Aye, aye, sir. But I think it grows no shallower, and it is deep beyond." "Perhaps so. Go on:"

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Marcharp turned und honed as Brent.

"Shall we go ahead?" he asked, as the latter took his glasses from his eyes.

"Yes, go on. Those glass on the fort are nothing but old. Spanish models of 200 years ago, and the shot could not pierce this hull if we were very much nearer. Go ahead, and anchor well up the harbor for the present."

As he spoke another shot was fired, but it fell far short of the Badger as she ran rapidly up the bay.

"Go it, old follow!" cried Brent, with a laugh. "It will do you no good and us no harm. I am going to anchor in your harbor, whether you like it or not."

harbor, whether you like it or not."
"What did they want?" asked Fits-"What did they wan?" asked bitsmorris, who had joined him.

"Oh. I suppose that they wanted me to
heave to and let their old harbor master, or whatever he'lls, 'come on board,
Tho old fool can come the to where we
anchor, or he needn't, come at all if he
does not want to. Either will suit me,
I am sure."

then."
"Or an earthquake," added Fitzmorris

, ch?"
"I most assuredly do."
"Well, I think that you are right in "Well, I think That you are right." He

"Well, I think that you are right in this case, as you possess the might." He laughed and turned to Medeleine. "You will not have to figure as Lady Fitzmorris this time," he said.

"What character am I to assume?" she asked with a smile.

"That is for your father to say,"

"What is that?" asked Brent, taking from his eyes the glasses with which he had been watching the approaching boat.

"I was asking Loyd George what character I was to assume?" had the character I was to assume and this occa-

know—
"You did not know what?" thundered
Brent. "May Dinak you whom you represent?" He saw this advantage and did
not hesitate to press it.
"I represents is assed the unhappy official, "the er-regulatio of Fernandos."

A constitution of Fernandos." know-

iffy the deep 12."
"Go on, Marchamp, but slowly."
"By the deep 10," came from the bow-

"It shoals a bit, but we shall be running onto the sand in a minute."
"By the deep nine," was the next cry,
"Not so bad!" crid, Brent, "If it goes
to six it will still be perfectly safe."
"By the deep nine." ir:
"By the deep seven."
"Ah, she shoals now, Careful, Marchamp."

"Ave see sir. But I think it spows

"Perhaps so. Go on:""
"By the deep seven,"
"We are on it now. See how clear it is down at the bottom. This will not grow any shallower, I think."
"By the deep seven," was the repeated cry of the lookout.
"Marchamp was right. It does not shoal. We are almost across it now. There is the harbor inside of the point. It looks like a fine one; "There, we are across the sand now, and all is well. Keep to the eastern where, Marchamp.

across the sand now, and all is well. Keep to the eastern shore, Marchamp, there is plenty of water there."
"Aye, aye sir."
"The Badger ran smoothly and quietly along under the frowning cliffs, the crew furling sail as she went."
"There is the fort!" orled Brent. "I see no signs of life at present."
Almost as the words come from his

Almost as the words came from his mouth a shot rang out into the still air, sinf on the fort. There was a splash of water some distance ahead of the vessel, and men could be seen running to-

does not want to Either will suit me, I om sure."

"But will he not make trouble?"

"Trouble! How much frouble can he make, I should like to know? I shall tell him all sorts of lies if he comes on board and pretend that I am very indignant at his firing on me. Oh, I will get the best of him if I have a chance."

"There is a bout coming from the fort now, captain," said, Murchamp, taking the glasses from his gyenjas he spoke.

"Very well, let himrcome."

"I do not know the fing that he files. It is not in our code, book."

"Probably only some little two-cent republic, that only runs-for six months

republic, that only runs-for six months at a time, like most vof 2lts kind. They cannot get along in this part of the world without a revolution, every now and

"Or an earthquase," with a laugh.
"Yes, or perhaps an eruption. The revolution is generally the most harmless, as it kills less people. But here comes our friend now. See here, Fitzmorris, I cannot introduce you at the governor of Montego with our looting expedition of Montego. What shalled do?" of Montego with our looting expedition in prospect. What shall I do?"
"Just call me Mra Eltzmorris, I will

"just call me hir plantmorth, I win pass for an American down here, I im-agine."

O. yes, I fancy anything does in this part of the world. Might makes right. If they don't like it they can lump it."

"And you think thing they better like it sh?"

facial, "the erregublic of Fernandos."
"The republic of: Fernandos." exclaimed the captain? "It know of no such republic. This island, as I understand it, is the property of Spain."
"It was, sis', thuit.—"
"It was! Ween, tild it change hands? I know of mighth action. And even if (To be Continued To-morrow.)